## WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 7210

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 2, 2003

Application of MULTI-DRIVERS, INC., Case No. AP-2003-52 for a Certificate of Authority -- )

Irregular Route Operations

By application accepted for filing May 6, 2003, Multi-Drivers, Inc., a Maryland corporation, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations in vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons only, including the driver.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with two vans and four sedans. Applicant's proposed tariff contains per capita fares for ambulatory and non-ambulatory transportation.

Applicant's vice president, Aime Martial Gbao, is the president of A.M.G. Transportation, Inc., which has applied for a certificate of authority in Case No. AP-2003-53. The Compact states that a carrier or any person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with a carrier shall obtain Commission approval to acquire control of another carrier that operates in the Metropolitan District through ownership of its stock or other means. Approval may be granted if the Commission finds the acquisition is consistent with the public interest. The public interest analysis focuses on the fitness of the acquiring party, the resulting competitive balance, and the interest of affected employees. Applicant will be directed to file a statement addressing the effect approval of this application will have on competition and employees.

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation and common control are consistent with the public interest.

<sup>1</sup> Compact, tit. II, art. XII, § 3(a)(iii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Compact, tit. II, art. XII, § 3(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Act of Sept. 15, 1960, Pub. L. No. 86-794, § 3, 74 Stat. 1031, 1050 (1960) (codified at DC Code Ann. § 9-1103.01 (2001)); <u>In re Cavalier Transp. Co., Inc., t/a Tourtime America, Ltd., & Tourtime America Motorcoach, Ltd.</u>, No. AP-96-21, Order No. 4926 (Sept. 12, 1996).

## THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than June 16, 2003, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.
- 2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than July 7, 2003, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.
- 3. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than June 16, 2003, an original and four copies of a statement addressing the effect approval of this application will have on competition and employees.
- 4. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is July 7, 2003, and that copies must be served on applicant's vice president, Aime Martial Gbao, 2222 Georgian Woods Place, Silver Spring, MD 20902-1810.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

William H. McGilvery Executive Director